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UNITED STATES	
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION	
WASHINGTON, DC 20549	
FORM 10-Q	
(Mark One)	
[X] QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION OF 1934	ON 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT
For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2014 OR	
[ ] TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION OF 1934	ON 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT
For the transition period from to	
Commission file number: 001-31826	
CENTENE CORPORATION	
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)	
Delaware	42-1406317
(State or other jurisdiction of	(I.R.S. Employer
incorporation or organization)	Identification Number)
7700 Forsyth Boulevard	
St. Louis, Missouri	63105
(Address of principal executive offices)	(Zip Code)
Registrant's telephone number, including area code:	
(314) 725-4477	

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant: (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days: x Yes o No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). x Yes o No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer", "accelerated filer" and "small reporting

company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. Large accelerated filer x Accelerated filer o Non-accelerated filer o (do not check if a smaller reporting company) Smaller reporting company o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes o No x

As of October 17, 2014, the registrant had 58,668,982 shares of common stock outstanding.

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#### CAUTIONARY STATEMENT ON FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

All statements, other than statements of current or historical fact, contained in this filing are forward-looking statements. We have attempted to identify these statements by terminology including "believe," "anticipate," "plan," "expect," "estimate," "intend," "seek," "target," "goal," "may," "will," "should," "can," "continue" and other similar words or expression connection with, among other things, any discussion of future operating or financial performance. In particular, these statements include statements about our market opportunity, our growth strategy, competition, expected activities and future acquisitions, investments and the adequacy of our available cash resources. These statements may be found in the various sections of this filing, including those entitled "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations," Part II, Item 1A. "Risk Factors," and Part II, Item I "Legal Proceedings." Readers are cautioned that matters subject to forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks and uncertainties, including economic, regulatory, competitive and other factors that may cause our or our industry's actual results, levels of activity, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, levels of activity, performance or achievements expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements. These statements are not guarantees of future performance and are subject to risks, uncertainties and assumptions.

All forward-looking statements included in this filing are based on information available to us on the date of this filing and we undertake no obligation to update or revise the forward-looking statements included in this filing, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, after the date of this filing. Actual results may differ from projections or estimates due to a variety of important factors, including but not limited to:

our ability to accurately predict and effectively manage health benefits and other operating expenses and reserves; competition;

membership and revenue projections;

timing of regulatory contract approval;

changes in healthcare practices;

changes in federal or state laws or regulations, including the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care and Education Affordability Reconciliation Act and any regulations enacted thereunder;

changes in expected contract start dates;

changes in expected closing dates, estimated purchase price and accretion for acquisitions;

inflation:

provider and state contract changes;

new technologies;

advances in medicine:

reduction in provider payments by governmental payors;

major epidemics;

disasters and numerous other factors affecting the delivery and cost of healthcare;

the expiration, cancellation or suspension of our Medicare or Medicaid managed care contracts by federal or state governments;

the outcome of pending legal proceedings;

availability of debt and equity financing, on terms that are favorable to us; and

general economic and market conditions.

#### Other Information

The discussion in Part I, Item 2. "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" under the heading "Results of Operations" contains financial information for new and existing businesses. Existing businesses are primarily state markets, significant geographic expansion in an existing state or product that we have managed for four complete quarters. New businesses are primarily new state markets, significant geographic expansion in an existing state or product that conversely, we have not managed for four complete quarters.

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#### PART I

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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### CENTENE CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

### CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(In thousands, except share data)

(Unaudited)

	September 30, 2014	December 31, 2013	3
ASSETS	•		
Current assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents of continuing operations	\$1,523,596	\$974,304	
Cash and cash equivalents of discontinued operations	59,376	63,769	
Total cash and cash equivalents	1,582,972	1,038,073	
Premium and related receivables	685,188	428,570	
Short term investments	166,993	102,126	
Other current assets	319,700	217,661	
Other current assets of discontinued operations	12,858	13,743	
Total current assets	2,767,711	1,800,173	
Long term investments	1,108,261	791,900	
Restricted deposits	99,727	46,946	
Property, software and equipment, net	424,229	395,407	
Goodwill	753,060	348,432	
Intangible assets, net	127,297	48,780	
Other long term assets	140,429	59,357	
Long term assets of discontinued operations	25,631	38,305	
Total assets	\$5,446,345	\$3,529,300	
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY			
Current liabilities:			
Medical claims liability	\$1,588,798	\$1,111,709	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	926,780	375,862	
Unearned revenue	94,961	38,191	
Current portion of long term debt	5,131	3,065	
Current liabilities of discontinued operations	18,623	30,294	
Total current liabilities	2,634,293	1,559,121	
Long term debt	949,720	665,697	
Other long term liabilities	80,371	60,015	
Long term liabilities of discontinued operations	411	1,028	
Total liabilities	3,664,795	2,285,861	
Commitments and contingencies			
Redeemable noncontrolling interest	140,499		
Stockholders' equity:			
Common stock, \$.001 par value; authorized 200,000,000 shares;			
61,357,390 issued and 58,666,797 outstanding at September 30, 2014,	<b>6</b> 1	50	
and 58,673,215 issued and 55,319,239 outstanding at December 31,	61	59	
2013			
Additional paid-in capital	811,752	594,326	
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(605)	(2,620	)

Retained earnings	896,385	731,919	
Treasury stock, at cost (2,690,593 and 3,353,976 shares, respectively)	(74,690	) (89,643	)
Total Centene stockholders' equity	1,632,903	1,234,041	
Noncontrolling interest	8,148	9,398	
Total stockholders' equity	1,641,051	1,243,439	
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$5,446,345	\$3,529,300	

The accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements are an integral part of these statements.

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CENTENE CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(In thousands, except share data)

(Unaudited)

Three Months Ended September 30, September 30, 2014 2013 2014 2013

Revenues:

Premium \$3,780,256 \$2,613,567 \$10,182,201 \$